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DEPARTMENT FOR "A"

WHITE HOUSE FOR HENKEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP - (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - C-141 LANDINGS AT OSAKA

REF: TOKYO 14673

1. AT NOON NOV 12 GOJ GRANTED CLEARANCE FOR SAM 1905 TO LAND AT OSAKA. THIS DECISION CAME AFTER CHIEF OF PROTOCOL UCHIDA DISCUSSED MATTER WITH NEW CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY TAKESHITA AND FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA BROUGHT IT UP AT FIRST MEETING OF NEW CABINET. ALTHOUGH KIMURA DID NOT BROACH CAR ISSUE AT CABINET MEETING UCHIDA TOLD DCM THAT STRONG FEELINGS AGAINST LANDING PRESIDENTIAL CARS AT OSAKA EXIST AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, PARTICULARLY ON PART OF NEW TRANSPORTATION MINISTER.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID PROTRACTED CONTROVERSY ON EVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL, AND STRONGLY URGE RESOLUTION OF CAR ISSUE SOONEST. OPTIONS INCLUDE:

A. LANDING AT OSAKA

B. OFF-LOADING CARS AT KOMAKI OR YOKOTA FOR TRANSPORT OVERLAND TO KYOTO.

3. PRAGMATICALLY SPEAKING, OPTION B MAY BE FAIT ACCOMPL.:
FOREIGN MINISTER AND FM OFFICIALS HAVE EXPENDED CONSID-
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ERABLE CAPITAL IN OVERCOMING OBJECTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION

AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTERS TO LANDING COMM GEAR AT OSAKA,
AND HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS (EVEN IF WILLING) THEY CAN OVERCOME
EVEN STRONGER OBJECTION AT EVERY LEVEL TO LANDING CARS
AT OSAKA. IN SHORT, IF WE PRESS FOR OPTION A, NOT ONLY
ARE WE VERY LIKELY TO LOSE BUT WE WILL HAVE PREJUDICED
OUR ABILITY TO GAIN ANY FUTURE CONSIDERATION ON SUBSE-
QUENT PROBLEMS.
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